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SUBJECT: NATIONALIZATION OF CTMB

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1. GIDE HAS REPORTED TO BLACKWOOD THAT HE HAS TENTATIVE AGREEMENT WITH GOT FOR SALES AT DLS 47 PER TON. TOGOLESE HAVE RELENTED ON PRE-PAYMENT CONDITION AND MAY GRANT 45 DAY TERMS. GIDE SAID TOGOLESE TACTICS VERY SIMILAR TO THOSE EXPERIENCED IN PAST WITH MOROCCANS, AND HE SUSPECTS TOGOLESE RECEIVING ADVICE FROM THIS SOURCE.

2. GIDE SAID TOGOLESE PREPARED DISCUSS ONLY SALES CONTRACTS DURING HIS VISIT, NOT COMPENSATION FOR W.R. GRACE INVESTMENT. GIDE SAID BOTH AMERICAN AND FRENCH AMBASSADORS

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ADVISED AGAINST RECOURSE TO ARBITRATION CLAUSE IN CTMB

CONCESSION AGREEMENT ON GROUNDS TOGOLESE NO LONGER CONSIDER
CONCESSION AGREEMENT OPERATIVE AND NEGOTIATION LIKELY BE
MORE PRODUCTIVE.

3. ACCORDING GIDE, FRENCH CUSTOMERS INITIALLY ADOPTED
RIGID NEGOTIATING POSTURE, INSISTING PROBLEMS BE VIEWED
WITHIN CONTEXT FRENCH LAW. GIDE REPORTS FRENCH LEFT LOME
WITH NO CONTRACTS AND QUOTE TAILS BETWEEN LEGS UNQUOTE.

4. TOGOLESE MEDIA REPORTED BY GIDE TO BE CHARACTERIZING
CTMB REPRESENTATIVES AS MURDERERS AND ASSASSINS, WITH
PUBLIC SHOWING COOLNESS TO EXPATRIATES. CTMB MINE MANAGER
REPORTED HIS EXTERNAL AND INTERNAL TELEPHONE LINES TAPPED.

5. BLACKWOOD SAYS GIDE OBTAINED COPY NATIONALIZATION
DECREE WHICH QUITE BRIEF. PLEASE CABLE TEXT. RUSH

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